

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office communication mailed September 23, 2004 in the instant application included a restriction requirement between the following two groups of claims:


Group I: claims 1-9;

Group II: claims 10-16.

In response to this restriction requirement, Group I claims 1-9 are hereby elected without traverse. Group II claims 10-16 are accordingly cancelled without prejudice to filing divisional application(s) directed thereto.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,


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